complaint yesterday that the bifurcation is wrought with disadvantages. But those who complained this failed to realise a fundamental principle of compromise for the essence of all true compromise is to give partial satisfaction to all and complete satisfaction to none. Hence it is not surprising that nobody was completely satisfied with my proposition. The mere fact that it failed to give complete satisfaction is an indication that I offered a true compromise. So, I appeal to all the Honourable Members to accede to this compromise. I press this motion to a division though I know what the fate of the resolution would be. But it will prove to the public what is the motive of those who voted against Anappara.

The resolution was then put to the vote of the House and lost.

Dr. A. R. Menon.— Poll, Sir.

The House divided—Ayes 11 Noes 18.

Ayes.

1	Dr. A. G. Menon	7	Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan
2	Mr. K. G. Nayar	8	,, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar
3	,, E. Ikkanda Wariar	9	Dr. A. R. Menon
4	,, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri	10	Mr. A. Sankara Poduval
5	,, P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri	11	Mrs. Swaris
6	,, T. K. Nayar		

Noes.

1	Mr. K. Ayyappan	10	Mr. C. A. Ouseph
2	,, M. A. Chakko	11	,, Paul Mampilly
3	,, George Chakyamuri	12	,, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan
4	,, K. M. Ibrahim	13	,, P. Raman menon
5	,, Joseph Petta	14	,, M. K. Raman
6	,, S. S. Koder	15	,, A. Sankara Menon
7	,, M. Krishna Menon	16	Dr. K. Sankara Menon
8	,, P. Krishna Menon	17	Rao Bahadur Mr. P. I. Varugis
9	,, K. Mohamed Seethi	18	Mr. K. P. Vallon.

The Official Block remained neutral.

President—11 for and 18 against; so the motion is lost.

2. General Moratorium.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—"This Council recommends to the Government to declare general moratorium for a period of one year in respect of labourers in general and agriculturist with net assets up to 50 thousands of rupees only, provided the Chief Court may suspend the provision in particular cases having regard to public good".

The gist of the thing is in the very resolution and I don't think that there is any necessity for a long speech. I can even now imagine the Government embracing it in all love and if my information is correct, the Government are almost on the point of taking some similar steps and this will be the most opportune moment for them to show their good sense and regard for the

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great distress that is prevailing all round. With these words I move the Resolution.

President.—Any Hon'ble Member to second the resolution?

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I second the motion.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Hon'ble Member explain to this House what he actually means by general moratorium and what are the implications of a general moratorium?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What sort of moratorium it is, I have specified in the Resolution.

Mr. Joseph Petta.—What are the details or implications of General Moratorium?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Coercive civil steps should be stopped.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I did not understand the meaning of the Resolution itself. So I omitted the latter portion in order to make it clear. My amendment is "omit all the words after 'year'. After my amendment the Resolution will read thus:—This Council recommends to the Government to declare General Moratorium for a period of one year".

President.—Any body seconding the amendment?

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I second the amendment.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know, Sir, what would be the effect if this Resolution is passed?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It will be carried into effect.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—What it is, the learned Member has not made clear. He simply read the resolution and wants us to accept. I read it and I think one is not able to understand what the implications are. By simply saying a General Moratorium and then explaining "stop all coercive steps", it is not made clear Unless the matter is made clear, it is impossible in a matter like this to support or to oppose. It will be a good thing if the Member for Cranganur can make it clear. I shall feel highly obliged if he does so.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Is it applicable to the collection of Revenue?

Mr. Joseph Petta.—On a point of order. The amendment is on the floor of the House. I think the amendment should be discussed.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Both can be discussed.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The difficulty I can understand if you carry the amendment. But the other thing I cannot understand.

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Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—We are now on the amendment. So the Resolution will be, "This Council recommends to the Government to declare General Moratorium for a period of one year". That means no paying, no giving. Every thing is to be stopped. Am I to understand like that? If that is so, I should oppose it.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Even the collection of revenue has to be stopped?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That also will be included. One of the processes of Moratorium is to stop all collections.

Mr. C A. Ouseph —If that is the meaning, I would oppose the whole Resolution. Will the Hon'ble Member explain?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The amendment is before the House.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Without knowing the Resolution, it is rather difficult to go to the amendment.

President.—First the Motion was made. It was seconded. Then I went on to the amendment and to the resolution as amended.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I don't press the amendment.

The amendment was withdrawn with leave of the House.

President.—Any other member wishing to speak?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I oppose this. I might say one word. When the Government allowed this Resolution to go into the agenda, they should have understood what it is. And if the Member for Cranganur will not explain what it is, I would request the Government to explain it.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I also like to oppose. I regard it only as a fooling of the Hon'ble Members of this House. The Hon'ble mover himself is not in a position to say what it is.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is insulting me. I can completely translate word by word in Malayalam if he wants.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—We are not here for joking. We are representatives of the people assembled for business. And I take serious exception to this kind of treatment of the Hon'ble Members of this House. If the Hon'ble Member is not in a position to explain, I would request the Government who admitted it to explain what it is before the House is asked to talk upon this Resolution. We cannot afford to waste our precious time for this fooling. We are men of business and have more serious things to look to.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it parliamentary to use the word fooling?

President.— Any other Hon'ble Member wishing to speak?

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—We have not understood the Resolution itself.

Mr. Mohamed Seethi.—If I may be permitted to say a few words as the Seconder of the Resolution, I might say this. The difficulty under which some of my Hon'ble friends seem to be labouring with regard to the meaning of General Moratorium, I cannot really understand. General Moratorium is a subject which was discussed in the Legislative Assembly and it was considered by the Government in detail. If the Hon'ble Member for Pallivirutti had been following the newspapers, there would not have been any difficulty for him in understanding what General Moratorium is. Probably that might be the reason why the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur did not think it necessary to give him further explanation.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—What is the meaning?

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—What is the meaning of what?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—General Moratorium.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—General Moratorium as I understand it means some temporary suspension of financial obligations thereby affording some temporary relief to the subjects of the State. I am going to speak on that. But interruptions preventing my doing so I do not understand. Is it another variety of fooling? In answer to the question as to what General Moratorium means, I said that it means some relief given in the matter of some financial obligations. As I go further, I shall explain what I mean. But I am not permitted to proceed. My Hon'ble friend was asking whether payments of revenue collections should be suspended. It is a matter of detail which was also considered in the course of the discussion about General Moratorium in the Legislative Assembly. Relief in the matter of suits and execution of decree is another matter of detail. In consideration of the extreme financial stringency that is prevailing in the State a certain amount of latitude and concessions might be ordered by the State in the collection of revenue and the realisation of debts through Courts of Law. Such measures as the suspension of Kuries, would also come within the purview of the Moratorium that is meant by the Resolution. I do not say that a wholesale suspension of revenue collections and of payments of debts is what is meant by General Moratorium. Nor was it the meaning of those Members who spoke in favour of General Moratorium in the Legislative Assembly. General Moratorium, therefore means State interference in the pecuniary obligations and dealings of the people so as to afford them some temporary relief in the collec-

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tion of land revenue, in the matter of suits and execution of decrees and such financial arrangements as Kuries, etc. I think that is the meaning of the Resolution moved by the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur.

Mr. Joseph Petta.—Are we to understand that there would be suspension of the collection of Government revenue for a period, that is for the period of Moratorium ?

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—At least some extension of time for the payment of the kists.

Mr. George Chakaymuri.—Are we to understand that during the period decrees are not to be executed ?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—We would like to know whether Government have any view in regard to the matter, whether they considered the matter, and if so, we would be enlightened by the spokesman of the Government.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—As the Hon'ble Members say, I was also quite at sea when the Resolution came to me for remarks. General Moratorium, as is ordinarily understood, involves a cessation of all financial activities and is resorted to only in times of war. Though you may not have a clear conception of General Moratorium in India, so far as I know, there has been no Moratorium in India during the last century, but we read from papers occasionally about Moratorium introduced in other countries and we know what Moratorium is. Now in a way I understand what might have been in the mind of the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur. In the speech of the Hon'ble Member for Muslims, I understand in a way what his brother Member meant. He referred to the discussion of the Imperial Legislative Assembly. It was true that there was a discussion on the motion made by Sir Abdul Haji Haroon. I don't know, I was not present there, I have only read accounts given in the papers. There was an uproar of laughter when the Resolution was moved, and then the Hon'ble Member representing the Government said that the remedy proposed would make the disease worse, that the whole machinery of credit will be thrown out of gear and that the peasants will be started on the race of ruin. When that expression of opinion was made in the Imperial Legislative Assembly, on behalf of Government, the whole House was not in a mood to discuss the motion and to the best of my recollection, after reading the report, the mover withdrew the Resolution, and I hope that the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur will do likewise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I was not at all satified with the answer given by the Government Member. He seems to think that whatever is done in the Imperial Legislative Assembly is

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the last word that can be said about it (*Hear, hear*). He wants to frighten us by telling all these stories but we are not in the least frightened. There are some in this House who think that the position taken by the Government Member in the Assembly was wrong. Since some of my Hon'ble friends have got some difficulty in regard to the actual connotation of the word General Moratorium, I should like to speak some words about the exact nature of the word Moratorium. As far as revenue is concerned, I had not that in mind when I tabled this motion. Of course, I am forsaking any coercive step in the collection of revenue, and I hold that the Government should be very lenient and not require much hard payments from the ryots. All the same, I am not one who holds that revenue should be stopped altogether. Government could not go on otherwise. What I had in mind when I tabled this motion was, of course—I mentioned it as general, but a qualified one I described it like that. There is a provision there. For a period of one year in respect of labourers in general and agriculturists with net assets up to 50,000 rupees. Beyond that, this Moratorium will not act. So the contention of the Revenue Member that the whole credit will go to the backwater is false. That is what I want to press upon the attention of the House. A minimum has been put and that is, labourers in general and agriculturists with net assets up to Rs. 50,000 only. So I request the Government to reconsider the position that they have taken, and accept my motion.

President.—Do you wish to press it?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Yes, Sir.

The Resolution was then put and negatived.

3. Bifurcation of the College.

As the following resolution was not moved it was considered withdrawn.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—This Council recommends to the Government the early bifurcation of the Maharaja's College into a College of Arts and a College of Science as in Travancore and Mysore and the location of the former at Ernakulam and the latter at Ramavarmapuram.

4. Castewar statement of appointments.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—"This Council recommends to the Government to publish in the Gazette quarterly caste war statements of new appointments in each Department of the Government service".

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